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SUBJ: POLISH PROPOSAL (CSCE/BM/E/5) ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION

FOR EUR/RPM, EUR/SOV, EUR/RPE AND EB/EWT, COMMERCE/BEWT
FROM USDEL CSCE

REFS: A. STATE 253950; B. BELGRADE 8008

1. U.S. DEL IN BELGRADE HAS BEEN DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN
REF. A. AND BRIEFING PAPER NO. 8 ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND
HAS TAKEN INITIALLY CRITICAL VIEWPOINT ON POLISH PROPOSAL
(POUCHED O/A 11/3/77) AS REPORTED REF. B. WE HAVE LOOKED AS-
KANCE AT THIS MASSIVE EFFORT TO RE-WRITE THE FINAL ACT AND TO
RE-OPEN TOPICS THOUGHT TO BE CLOSED AT GENEVA. HOWEVER, THE
POLISH PROPOSAL IS NOT LIKELY TO WHITHER AWAY COMPLETELY,
AND SOMETHING WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO APPEAR IN THE FINAL DOCU-
MENT. OBVIOUSLY, THE CLOSER THE RESULTING LANGUAGE IS TO THE
FINAL ACT, THE MORE ACCEPTABLE IT WILL BE.

2. USDEL CONTINUES TO SEE LITTLE FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT
TO THIS PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF SHULMAN STATE-
MENT OF OCTOBER 26 BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE
AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THE KREPS STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 15 IN
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LOS ANGELES, DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO HUNGARY AND U.S.
POSITION ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN THE MTN USDEL WOULD APPRE-
CIATE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AS TO WHAT DEGREE
OF FLEXIBILITY THERE MIGHT BE ON THE ISSUES OF MFN, TRADE
LIBERALIZATION, AND REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE. REQUEST
GUIDANCE ON WHAT STRATEGY MAY BE REQUIRED TO KEEP OUR POSITION
HERE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE EVOLVING IN WASHINGTON.

EARLY GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED AS DRAFTING SESSIONS MAY BEGIN
AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 25.
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